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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOJ PROPOSES MULTINATIONAL APPEAL FOR PEACE IN CAM-
BODIA

REF: TOKYO 11633

1. YOU MAY INFORM HANABUSA THAT WE LOOK MOST FAVORABLY ON
CURRENT INITIATIVE.

2. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IMPORTANCE OF MULTINATIONAL APPEAL
WILL BE NOT ONLY IN ITS PROPOSAL FOR PEACE IN CAMBODIA
THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION, BUT IN
CLEARLY DEMONSTRATING THAT ALL OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC'S
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NEIGHBORS AND MOST OF OTHERS IN AREA DESIRE THIS. IT SHOULD

ILLUSTRATE TO AFRICANS AND OTHERS THAT, OTHER THAN THE PRC AND HANOI, ASIANS DO NOT REPEAT NOT RECOGNIZE SIHANOUK AND THE GRUNK. THIS FACT WILL BE PARTICULARLY VITAL ON ANY CREDENTIALS ISSUE IN THE UNGA, WHERE MANY STATES TEND TO IGNORE THE FACT THAT THE ISSUE IS AN ASIAN ONE WHICH HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN THAT AREA BY THE RECOGNITION OF THE GKR.

3. ON TIMING, WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN URGENT MATTER BECAUSE OF THE ONSET OF THE UNGA. TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE, APPEAL SHOULD APPEAR ASAP OR, AT THE LATEST, THE VERY BEGINNING OF UNGA PRIOR TO ANY ISSUES WHICH MAY DETRACT ATTENTION FROM IT. WE AGREE THAT TIME MAY BE EVEN MORE FAVORABLE FOR SUCH EFFORT IF MILITARY STALEMATE IS DEVELOPING IN CAMBODIA. THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS SHOULD GIVE US AN INDICATION OF THIS.

4. RE FORMAT, WE FULLY UNDERSTAND NECESSITY FOR NEUTRAL WORDING AND WIDE CONSENSUS IN ORDER OBTAIN BROAD SUPPORT.

5. AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE, PROPOSED FORMULATION OF DECLARATION AS OUTLINED BY HANABUSA APPEARS REASONABLE. OUR ONLY SUGGESTION REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE THAT IT SHOULD GO TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS TO COUNTRIES LISTED.

6. WE TEND TO AGREE WITH HANABUSA THAT IT WILL BE BETTER TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SPONSORS RATHER THAN TO TRY TO INCLUDE SUCH NATIONS AS PAKISTAN AND NEPAL WHICH WOULD PROBABLY REFUSE.

7. AS JAPANESE AND OTHER COUNTRIES UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW, PRC HAS PUBLICLY BACKED SIHANOUK'S POSITION ON CAMBODIA; AND IT IS DOUBTFUL PRC WOULD ALTER ITS STANCE AS RESULT OF THIS MULTINATIONAL APPEAL. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE WHY THIS SHOULD DETER THE POTENTIAL SIGNATORIES.

8. FOR JAKARTA: SINCE JAPANESE HAVE DISCUSSED THEIR PROPOSAL WITH US, YOU SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL GOI AND URGE SUPPORT. WE SHALL ALSO RAISE PROPOSAL WITH MALIK IN NEW YORK IF NO PROGRESS EVIDENT BY
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